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Library hours altered for finals

By ED HAHN
Staff Writer

Vogel Library's finals hours have been moved to the week before finals this year in response to student requests during the 2000-2001 academic year.

Wartburg's Student Senate and the library staff had received input from students indicating that the library's extended hours schedule corresponding to finals was a good idea but would be more helpful before finals week.

"We heard from students last year that it was not the week of finals [when they needed the extra hours], but the week before," Student Body President Matt McNamara said. Vogel librarian Jill Gremmels echoed that statement.

"Students had indicated to us a need to move the hours to a time other than finals week," Gremmels said. "[However], the idea to move the hours was not the just Student Senate's idea."

The Senate brought the idea for changing the library hours to the library's attention. The library shared interest in the idea and the two groups worked together to find a better alternative to the old finals week structure.

"Jill seemed very open," McNamara said. "She wants to accommodate student needs."

According to McNamara, the Senate came up with a proposal that was sent to the library. The initial plan was to add one hour to the schedule every day during the week before finals. Tuesday, Dec. 4 through Thursday, Dec. 6, the library would be open until 1 a.m. and Friday, Dec. 7 would be open two extra hours, closing at 10 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. Saturday's hours would remain unchanged and Sunday, Dec. 10 through Tuesday, Dec. 12 would be open until 1 a.m.

"We were asking for eight extra hours over the course of one week," McNamara said. "This would cater to the week before finals."

After making considerations, the library developed the new operating schedule based on Senate recommendations. The new schedule was almost identical to the proposal with the exception of Friday, Dec. 7. The library will still only be open until 8 p.m that day.

The library and Senate It is hoped that moving the extended hours a week earlier will help meet the needs of the students.

Library hours for Dec. 3 through Dec. 13:

DEC. 3: 7:30 a.m.-midnight
DEC. 4: 7:30 a.m.–1 a.m.
DEC. 5: 7:30 a.m.–1 a.m.
DEC. 6: 7:30 a.m.–1 a.m.
DEC. 7: 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
DEC. 8: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
DEC. 9: 1 p.m.–1 a.m.
DEC. 10: 7:30 a.m.–1 a.m.
DEC. 11: 7:30 a.m.–midnight
DEC. 12: 7:30 a.m.–midnight
DEC. 13: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Junior Kim Mayer performs in Wartburg's wind ensemble during the dress rehearsal of Christmas with Wartburg Wednesday evening.

For coverage of Christmas with Wartburg, see Page 3.

Donations given in holiday spirit

By KATIE HARTMAN
Senior Writer

The giving spirit for the holidays is evident among students, faculty and staff. Several Wartburg organizations are reaching out to those less fortunate than themselves.

The tree in Buhr Lounge with paper ornaments hung on it is part of the Holiday Shoppe, sponsored by the Department of Human Services, Community Action Center and Wartburg Social Work Club.

People from the Bremer County area are donating gifts for children. On Tuesday and Wednesday, low-income families can come and pick out gifts to give their children for Christmas. Each family will also receive a voucher from the Community Action Center for a holiday food basket.

"Over 50 Wartburg students have volunteered to help with the Holiday Shoppe," said junior Danielle Dyvig, who is heading up the project with senior Lynne Terbeest. "We've had an awesome response from students who are willing to help with anything from sending invitations to taking care of the children while the parents shop."

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee is putting on "Project Santa Claus." Wartburg athletes are collecting toys and money in conjunction with First National Bank for underprivileged elementary students in the Waverly-Shell Rock School District.

The SAAC encourages everyone to drop off or mail donations to the athletic office at Wartburg by Dec. 7, or contact Monica Severson at 352-8469 for more information.

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Vallem volunteers time to East Coast tragedy

By EMILY BLOCK
News Editor

After two weeks of twelve-hour days counseling families in Manhattan affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Susan Vallem has returned to Wartburg campus.

Belonging to the American Red Cross, this Wartburg associate professor of social work was "called" to serve at one of several East Coast locations needing mental health workers. She was in a direct service position as a disaster and mental health technician in Manhattan the week preceding and the week of Thanksgiving. A counselor must have an independent license to counsel in a different state, which Vallem has.

Since the American Red Cross is a volunteer organization, anyone who is "called up" to serve has the right to refuse going. However, Vallem had no thoughts of doing this.

"It was very clear to me that as long as I could do it, I should do it," she said.

While there, Vallem's days were busy counseling several people each day. By phone and home visits, she mainly counseled people who had lost families to the falling of the World Trade Center.

The American Red Cross has special permission to take survivors and families of victims who are ready into Ground Zero. Vallem explained that a mental health worker and a pastor accompany the families.

"Some people never want to go back there," Vallem said. "The ones that do want to go back are ready at different times. Some need to go back there right away, while others need to wait longer depending on the stage of the trauma healing process they are in."

The people she helped had been referred to the American Red Cross from other service centers, Vallem said.

"Many of them are still having difficulty sleeping, eating, focusing and making decisions," she said. "Many said that certain sites, sounds and smells still come back to haunt them. This is all to be expected and is normal after experiencing a tragedy like this."

Vallem explained that these families are experiencing these effects for several reasons.

"There are a lot of things these people are dealing with," she said. "They are having to go through the process of house hunting and job hunting, and both of these can be hard to find in the Manhattan area—those kinds of practical issues, along with the emotional aspect make for a lot on their minds."

Vallem helped the counselors as well.

"The staff would get tired and burnt out. It gets hard for them to hear the same sad stories over and over again," she said. "We had to keep each other going, too."

Vallem was amazed by the large number of people coming together to help however possible.

"Thousands of volunteers are out there from both around the area and from all over the world," she said. "They went out there simply because they know there's a need for help. There are lots and lots of good people out there."

Compassion came not only through the volunteer work, but also through the patriotism displayed throughout the city.

"It was amazing to see all of the flags hanging around New York City—they were on taxi cabs, windows, you name it," Vallem said. "I was also struck by the millions of signs and greetings of encouragement from people all over the world."

The workers were given Thanksgiving morning off, so Vallem went to the Macy's Day Parade. Later that day she helped serve food at a food shelter and then spent her evening with a woman who wanted someone to talk to. The two of them ordered pizza for dinner.

"It was the best Thanksgiving pizza I ever had," she said.

Before leaving, the volunteers were asked if they would be able to return at a later date to continue counseling.

"I would go back there depending if it would work out here at Wartburg," Vallem said. "But my first responsibility is Wartburg."

She said will not soon forget this experience and will be left with many memories.

"By and large, I'll remember the feeling of strength and resiliency of human beings," said Vallem.

Beliefs challenged while studying abroad

By KACY BURG
Abroad Columnist

When I was deciding whether or not to study abroad in Prague, Czech Republic, everyone said the same things: "You'll love it!" "It's the experience of a lifetime!" "You'll learn so much!"

Now, as my time abroad draws to a close and I write my last column from Prague, I find myself reflecting on my time here and how it relates to what I expected before I came. Before coming, I was encouraged by the comments I heard about studying abroad, but I didn't know whether or not to believe them. I expected to grow and change during the semester—how could I not?—but I wasn't sure how much I would change. After all, wasn't I already fairly independent? Didn't I already know something about the world and different cultures? Sure, I would learn some new things, but would I really grow as much as these people claimed they had?

After being here for three months, I know that I have grown that much and I know that I won't fully comprehend how much I've grown and changed until I return to the U.S. later this month. What I can say right now, however, is that studying abroad truly is the experience of a lifetime and that you will learn a lot from it.

I could write pages about how I've learned more about the world around me, how to have more compassion and understanding for others, and how to respect different cultures. But one of the most important and most unexpected things I've learned while here is to trust myself. It's one thing to stick to your beliefs and to think that you "know" yourself when you are with others who are similar to you, but it's entirely different when you are around people with different beliefs and identities. Even though I ventured six hours from Wisconsin to attend Wartburg, I still found myself in a relatively similar environment to what I was used to.

When I came to Prague, however, I was confronted not only with a completely different culture in the Czech Republic, but also with different types of people from across the U.S. For the first time in my life, I had to deal with people who had very different outlooks than myself, and I had to consider the validity of my own outlooks. It has resulted in both the strengthening of some of my beliefs and in the dismissal of others. Other possibilities are out there and I need to consider them before I assume that my way is the best way.

While I have been here, I've had a chance to "step away" from the things that I thought were extremely important in my life, and in doing so, I have realized that they aren't that important after all. As you head towards the stress of finals exams, I'd like to share one of the things that I've realized isn't that important in the scheme of things: grades. Although grades might seem like life-and-death right now, there are a lot more important things in life. Your happiness and the happiness of those around you is not dependent upon whether or not you ace your biology exam or write the world's best essay in your literature class, and chances are, in two years, you won't remember either one!

I'd like to encourage you to look at things in a broader context. Step outside of your comfort zone once in a while, whether through new activities, new friends, research and reading, or studying abroad. After all, it is the experience of a lifetime.

Editorial

Closed ROTC presentation hinders student knowledge

Lt. Col. Michael DePuglio made an informational presentatation about the ROTC program to a closed session of Student Senate Thursday.

Although it is encouraging to know that Senate is getting involved with this issue, it was a bit disheartening that they chose to have a closed meeting. No students, media, or student-media were allowed to attend the meeting.

The Senate voted to close the meeting citing the comfortability level of members in a large group setting. The thought being that some people would not feel comfortable asking questions in front of a large group of people and media.

However, it is a bit ironic that the Senate, an organization whose job it is to make decisions on behalf of students, did not allow students who are not Senators to attend the presentation.

The Senate usually is more than receptive to requests from campus media. Wartburg Television, KWAR and The Trumpet are often outlets for the Senate. These organizations allow the Senate to inform students of current issues and what decisions they are making for the students. These organizations were not allowed to attend.

Wartburg is a private college, therefore it can regulate who steps foot on their campus (i.e. local media). However, it was not in the best interest of the student body to close the meeting to non-Senate members and campus media.

When this issue was first brought to the faculty to be voted on last year, many students had no knowledge of the proposal until it was voted down.

A meeting such as this should be held publicly for students to be able to have a say in their college education, for the Senate to make an informed decision and for the Senate to increase student awareness of hot topics.

Doors need to be open, not closed.

Letter to the Editor

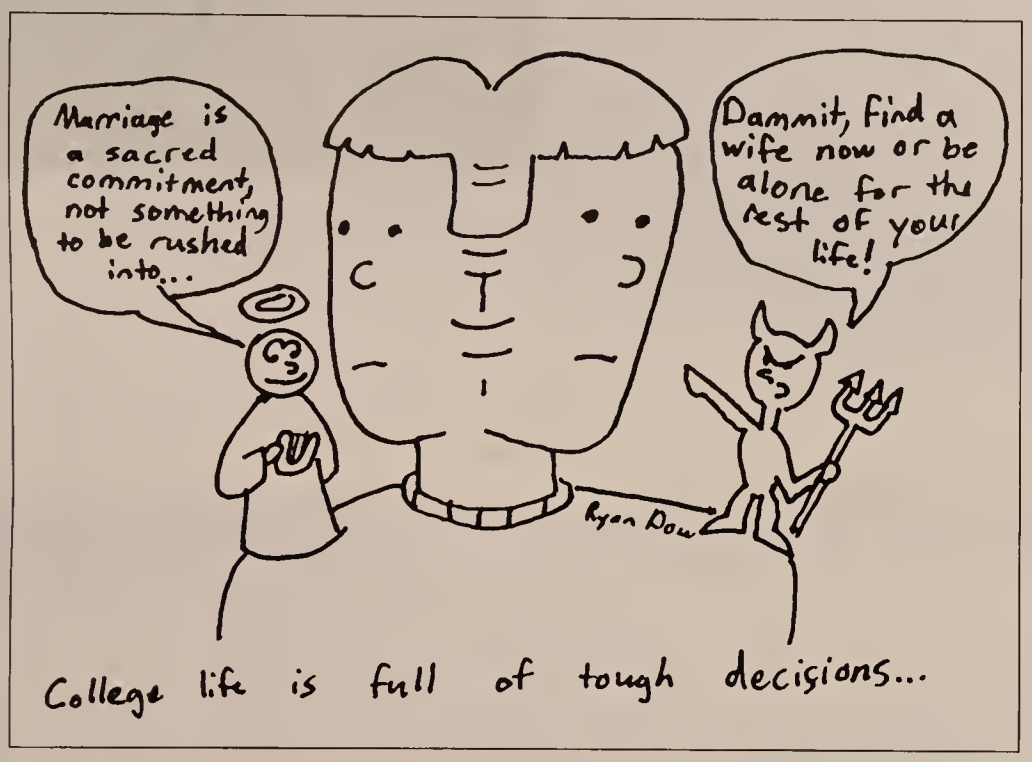
Dear Editor,

All semester I have been trying to keep in contact with my son, who is a sophomore at Wartburg, via the Internet. With the technical problems the college is having, timely correspondence has been nearly impossible. My inquiries of the school personnel have gotten the same reponses each time. They tell me that things should be working well in the next week or so.

Since the first semester is about finished I would like to know if the students can expect a refund of their computer fees that were required? This amounts to a great deal of money for a service that is always on the blink.

Thank you.

David Gearhart



Nostalgic ending for December graduate

Just 'tween the two of us
By FELICITA NANUSES

At this point, one week before finals (and less than a week before I graduate), I look around campus and envy those fortunate few who, at this time of the term, have enough time to wake up in the morning and 'beautify' themselves. Seriously, I have to ask: "Where do they find the time?!" I barely have time to eat and here are some people looking like they just stepped off the walkways of Milan or out of GQ or something!

Anyway, like they say: "All good things must come to an end." So it is with great sadness that I write this last column. My college years were the best of times...and the worst of times...but now it's the end of a chapter for me.

However, I'm so busy right now that it hasn't really hit me that in a week I will no longer be able to do the things that college students do and get away with.

During your college years it's possible to wake up in the morning and go to class with your flannel pajamas on (that's right, don't act like you haven't done that before). It's also possible to have pizza for breakfast and cereal for dinner. Now imagine inviting some of your work buddies over for a dinner of Corn Flakes...won't do much good for your reputation.

Also, during your college years at Wartburg you actually get one whole day off (that would be Outfly) to go shopping and just bum out all day long. That is unheard of in the 'real' world, unless you do so anyway without your boss knowing...

Now, not only do I have to worry about not having all the privileges that college students enjoy anymore, I also have to say goodbye to the place that's been my home for the past four years. On top of all this I still have projects due, letters of recommendation to be requested and tons more stuff.

But as I look back at my four years at Wartburg, it's with a sense of nostalgia. I almost wish I could go for another year, but not really (especially when I think of my first Christmas at home with my family in four years).

As a graduating senior, all I can say to those who still have time left at Wartburg is: DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF, treasure your friends, live for the moment and grab every opportunity that comes your way. I know it sounds like a cliché, but honestly, it works.

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Dr. Jane Andrews leads the choir in one last rehearsal before performing at Wartburg and in the surrounding area. *Heidi Tiedt/TRUMPET*

Long practices, hectic trips and...goldfish?

By SARA MONSON
Staff Writer

The Christmas season brings with it many familiar sights and sounds, from toy commercials to brightly decorated houses to long lines for Santa visits at the mall. Despite all the holiday hustle and bustle, the Wartburg music department works diligently to produce its annual Christmas with Wartburg concert.

Christmas with Wartburg began in the early 1940s in conjunction with local elementary and high school students. Not until 1947 did the college begin its own annual concert, called Christmas at Wartburg. Once performances were added to Cedar Falls and Des Moines in the 1980s, the name was changed to the current Christmas with Wartburg.

Heidi Tiedt/TRUMPET
Freshman Marta Erickson accompanied the music ensembles with piano music.

Not only does the concert itself have its own history, but the traditions and routines of the music students have become trademark to Christmas with Wartburg.

Over 200 students from all academic disciplines come together to rehearse and present this special musical gift to the state of Iowa. Performances are held in Neumann Auditorium, Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, the Paramount in Cedar Rapids and the Des Moines Civic Center.

The week begins with two hour mass rehearsals in Neumann Auditorium. The atmosphere is usually quite frantic as students try to figure out where to sit, and it is customary to have the seating arrangement changed at least once throughout the course of the weekend. The Cedar Falls performance finds some students sitting on the floor or in the stairwell when they are not performing.

As if remembering where you stand is not difficult enough, the music students are infamous for their lack of ability to line up before a concert. This point in the performance is disordered, with students milling around attempting to find their place in line before the group starts moving.

The band is busy transporting equipment like music stands and instruments to each performance site. While the choirs struggle with seating logistics, band members busily set up everything from chairs to timpani.

A long-time tradition of the choirs is something affectionately known as "passing." This tradition initially began as a concentration drill, when small objects would be passed from one singer to the other behind their backs during a piece to see if they could maintain their focus. This event is still popular for the Cedar Falls concert, where anything from a banana to a goldfish swimming in a bag can be found drifting among the choir loft.

What else would Christmas with Wartburg be without the crowded bus rides, stuffy dressing rooms and hurried search for a place to dine? Despite all the commotion and craziness, music students still appreciate the true meaning of Christmas with Wartburg.

First-year band member Jessi Seglar said she is enjoying her first Christmas with Wartburg experience.

"I like it because it's a good chance for the choirs and band to interact and combine their talents," said Seglar.

Juniors Ryan Catterton and Jason Bell said the concert was a great reason to have another party! All kidding aside, both stated that they truly enjoy listening to and playing the music, especially the Armstrong finale. The final piece, "What Can I Give Him," was decided on after the students signed a petition to have Matthew Armstrong's original piece be the finale for the 2001 season titled "A Stable Lamp is Lighted."

Professor Matthew Armstrong said he truly loves Christmas with Wartburg.

"I think it represents the finest of what we can offer to the community and also the state of Iowa. There are wonderful messages in the music and we touch people at levels we may never recognize," said Armstrong.

Though Christmas with Wartburg can be hectic and stressful, the true message projected through the music helps to remind the audience that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Heidi Tiedt/TRUMPET
Senior Ryan Houts and junior Kenny Allen find something to do to keep themselves occupied between the long rehearsals.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET
All dressed up and focused, the Castle Singers, Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor perform in Neumann Auditorium.

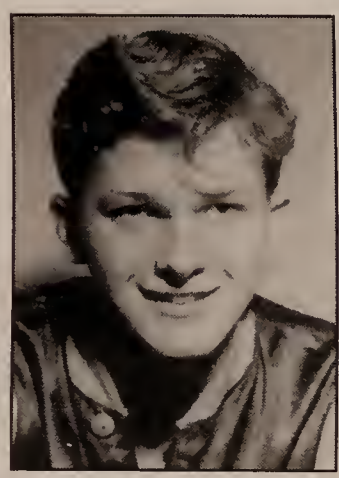
POW camp for Nazi soldiers in Janesville during World War II

By SHANNON PEARSON
Staff Writer

Wartburg students often visit the site of a former Nazi prisoner of war workplace.

They just don't know it.

Just a short walk from campus, a cannery in the 1940s that is now occupied by Movies America, provided work for Nazi POWs who were captured by American troops and transported daily from their camp in Janesville.



Bob Bryan, in the 1940s. He grew up only half a mile from the camp.

This fact surfaced during the special convocation, "Out of Hitler's Reach: Iowa and the Third Reich," on the evening of Nov. 6. Author and historian Michael Luick-Thrams pulled a "bait and switch," glossing over the topic of the 185 European refugees housed in West Branch, Iowa, and focusing instead 60 POWs held in Janesville.

The news surprised many Wartburg students who had never heard of the camps before.

"I was amazed," said sophomore Mollie Leahy. "All these facts, and he had all this history, and nobody really knows about it."

Campus pastor Larry Trachte, however, does know. He said that while he was in Waverly in the 1970s, he heard a lot about the camp, but thinks many of those people involved may have died with their stories.

But there are still many stories to hear.

Will Leisinger of Waverly, remembers the Germans. He has memories of working for Marshall Canning when he was 14 years old and "rubbing elbows" with the POWs.

His wife, Audrey, who works in the Wartburg controller's office, recalls as well. "I remember driving by with my parents and them telling me that that was where the German POWs were," she said.

Bob Bryan of Janesville said he has memories of the POWs being "very good at taming the wild squirrels." He also remembers that his cousin sometimes transported the prisoners to work in his milk truck.

At the convocation, Luick-Thrams projected photos of POWs, young, fresh-faced men, onto the screen overhead. He told the story of teenagers brainwashed by the Nazis and government control. These men committed atrocities, knowing that if they refused, they would be hung.

After the war, they were shipped to the United States where they were distributed between 10 camps in Iowa, 20 in Minnesota, and four in the Dakotas.

History professor Terry Lindell said Wartburg's gymnasium at the time (currently Players Theatre) was considered for the camp, but was rejected. The local YWCA of Janesville leased its camp to the government for the POWs.

"Hardly a prison camp you'd see in the movies," said John Meyer of Waverly. The extent of the security was guards patrolling the camp and a length of barbed wire circling it.

The prisoners lived in tents outside of the main lodge, used for leisure, the Bremer County Independent reported Sept. 6, 1944.

Luick-Thrams said the men in the United States were treated well, unlike those POWs who were sent to Siberia. Here they worked in the cannery and various other places, but were also allowed to play games, join choirs, and participate in art.

"They were always singing when riding the buses," Bryan said.

"They loved it!" Meyer said. "They weren't getting shot at, they had good food, kept busy and had lodging."

The prisoners were allowed to cook their native cuisine at the camp, and were so well-fed, Luick-Thrams said, they popped the buttons on their clothes.

Will Leisinger remembers it differently. His father, Gustav, spoke fluent German and because of it, he was appointed as foreman over the prisoners. Gustav didn't believe the men were getting enough to eat because he only saw what they ate at the cannery, which usually consisted of bread with goose fat spread on it.

"Mother baked extra bread and he'd give it to them,"Leisinger said. Officials reprimanded his father and appointed someone else to be the foreman.

Erin Tracy/TRUMPET

POINTING TO THE PAST—Bob Bryan indicates from his back porch where his property ends and the POW camp property begins.

"But the prisoners liked my father better. They called him Gus. And they refused to do what the new manager said—pretended they didn't understand—until my father was given the job again," Leisinger recalled with a chuckle.

As Leisinger noted, these marvelous stories are being lost because the majority of the people who would remember the camps were overseas, like Jack Meyer who was stationed in England.

The people in Waverly during the war included the older generation of people who have died, like Leisinger's father, or the youngsters at the time, like the Leisingers or Bob Bryan, many of whom were too young to remember much.

Although the prisoners were forbidden from speaking with the town's citizens, some curious residents liked chatting with them, the Waverly Democrat reported Aug. 25, 1944. Because of the limited contact with citizens, there are few left to share their memories.

Luick-Thrams is determined not to let the memories disappear. His current project, "Traces of 400,000" is an attempt to chronicle the stories of the POW camps before the people who can remember them are gone.

He is not only interested in the Janesville camp, but all of the camps that branch out from the main camp in Algona, Iowa.

Anyone who has a story to tell can contact Luick-Thrams through his Web site at *www.welcome.to/MichaelLuick-Thrams.*

Erin Tracy/TRUMPET

ABANDONED—A rusty axle from a World War II truck is all that is left at the Janesville site to tell the stories of the camp. All the original buildings have been torn down, according to landowner Ray Holbach.

Internships for students possible

At the Nov. 6 convocation, historian Michael Luick-Thrams said he is hoping to organize a network of college students to conduct research, possibly as internships and independent study courses.

The possibility of gaining course credit was mentioned, though the process for adding a program like this has not entered even the beginning stages. A proposal must be submitted to the Educational Policies Committee (EPC), usually by a faculty member.

"I think he's very serious about it," German professor Yvonne Losch said of Luick-Thrams. "At some point, I think it will be brought before EPC."

However, history professor Dr. Terry Lindell said that if a student wants to do a directed research project in history as an independent study, he or she can initiate the project.

"There is paperwork," Lindell said, and a faculty sponsor is needed, but it isn't necessary to go through EPC.

Anyone interested in doing research to learn more about the POW camps can contact Losch, or look at the Web site at *www.welcome.to/MichaelLuick-Thrams* for more information.

Holy month of Ramadan celebrated

By FELICITA NANUSES
Senior Writer

As of Nov. 16, with the sighting of the new moon, observant Muslims entered the month of Ramadan.

This holy month is the ninth of the Muslim year and commemorates the time when God began revealing the Quran, the Muslim holy book, to the Prophet Muhammad about 1,400 years ago.

During Ramadan, Muslims across the globe fast by abstaining from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual activity from sunrise to sunset. Ramadan is one of the five pillars and requirements of the Islamic faith, and Muslims believe that fasting during Ramadan helps them develop self-control, patience and the ability to bear deprivation.

The beginning and end of the month are signaled by a trustworthy witness' sighting of the new moon and can be delayed or prolonged by a cloudy sky. This year the month will end around Dec. 16.

Muslim students at Wartburg also honor this month. Sophomore Ibrahim Khader from Palestine said this month is an essential part of the Islamic faith.

"Our hearts and souls are clear of any distractions. The month of Ramadan is a good reminder to us to look out for each other and share God's gifts among us," he said.

Sophomore Bilal Rahim said the holy month magnifies the sense of unity in the Muslim community.

"In the morning, before the sun rises, we eat at a time called Saari, or Sahoor, together and then we eat together at sunset at a time called Iftar," he said.

During Ramadan Muslims are encouraged to give to charities.

"It is said that our rewards toward heaven are seven times that of what we receive for good deeds during our normal everyday lives," said Rahim.

This is also a time for reflection, prayer and reading the Quran. At many mosques, about a thirtieth of the Quran is recited in a prayer each night after sunset, thus the complete scripture will have been recited by the end of the month.

"Every night we have the option of praying 'Taraweeh' prayers, which are only given during the month of Ramadan. These can last to an hour or more," Rahim said.

Being in a country and school that is predominantly non-Muslim presents minor challenges to Muslim students at Wartburg.

"The significance of the month remains the same. However, the celebration differs since the majority of students here are Christian," Khader said. "It is more challenging to do all the activities and customs that are done at home."

Khader added that contrary to the way he celebrates the holy month here in the U.S., in Palestine he follows the traditional practices.

"Almost every breakfast my family invites either friends or family to join us for the evening meal, or we are invited to join with them," Khader said. "We are all gathered around the table waiting for the mosque to declare the breakfast of the day. We recite prayer and then start eating."

American Muslims also anticipate Muslim holidays, Ramadan in particular, with the rest of the Muslim world.

"Ramadan gives me and many other American-Muslims the chance to better ourselves and our positions in God's eyes," said Rahim, an American-born Muslim.

A few non-Muslim students observe Ramadan as well. One of these students is senior Miki Nishida from Japan.

"Last year, I fasted for a week with my boyfriend and a couple of my friends who are Muslim," she said. "This year I am trying to do a little longer than a week."

According to Nishida, a Buddhist, she fasts to gain an appreciation for the practices of other religions and to support her Muslim friends since it is hard for them to fast, especially outside of their Muslim community.

"People say that one will never understand how others feel if one has not been in the same spot," said Nishida. "Reading books about Islam or talking to people of the religion will definitely give you valuable knowledge about them. However, sharing an experience like fasting in Ramadan is something that gives you an opportunity to face the reality of the religion and its practices."

Rahim said that because of the shorter days, it is not as challenging to fast here compared to other parts of the world.

"The hardest part of the fast is probably waking up in the morning to eat and pray," he said.

Nishida, who does not join the Muslim students in reading the Quran and praying, said the hardest part of fasting is the cravings and headaches.

"It is harder than I imagined. I always get a headache around three o'clock in the afternoon because of the lack of coffee," she said.

According to Rahim, the actual celebration, known as 'Festival of Breaking of the Fast,' occurs at the end of the last day of the fast.

"This day is called Eid [al Fitr], and we go to the mosque and celebrate by exchanging gifts, eating food and associating with friends and family," he said.

Muslims around the world share mixed feelings as the U.S. continues their war against terrorism in a Muslim country.

"Honestly, I think it's disrespectful of people's culture and of Muslim beliefs that the U.S couldn't wait to bomb until after the month," said Rahim.

President Bush, however, supports America's continuation with the attacks on Afghanistan during Ramadan by saying that "evil has no holy days." Khader supports this idea.

"Bringing the ones who were responsible for Sept. 11 is also a holy mission as well," he said.

! SafetyTips How to keep Orange in the Green

by John Myers

Green is the universal color for safety. John Myers, director of Wartburg campus security and safety, will be printing a column on safety tips every week.

Many of us will decorate our rooms or offices for the upcoming holiday season. Some decorations, however, can pose potential safety hazards. Christmas lights are festive and help set the holiday mood. On the other hand, lights have been known to ignite combustible material and start a fire.

While there is no known residence hall fire created by light sets at Wartburg, many colleges and universities have experienced fire, destruction and personal injury as a result of such accidents.

The Student Handbook allows Christmas lights between Nov. 15 and Jan. 15 but requires that they be turned off when the room is not occupied.

Also, for fire safety reasons, live trees and burning candles are not allowed in residence hall rooms at any time. Electrical cords and light strings must be in good condition and the plugs possess all existing prongs.

Additionally, we need to pay attention to where decorations are set. Trees and other decorations cannot block a fire safety exit. Place extension cords so no one can trip over them. Do not run cords under carpet or rugs, as repeated walking over the cord and carpet can wear away insulation and unwittingly create a fire hazard. Do not cover exit lights, fire alarm pull stations, smoke or heat detectors.

While there may be a lot of "don'ts" listed here, they are important to obey in order to minimize damage and injury to yourself and others and keep this holiday season safe while still remaining festive and meaningful.

In the giving spirit

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"Project Santa Claus is a good way for student-athletes to be involved with the community," said Monica Severson, associate athletic director at Wartburg. "The parents that pick up the toys are always very appreciative."

The gate money from the Nov. 27 Knight's basketball game versus Buena Vista at Knight's Gym will be donated to Project Santa Claus as well.

The Res. North Suite 121 also has a service project underway. This group of eight sophomore girls have nicknamed themselves SASSY—Student Athletes Serving Society and Youth.

Inspired by Sabra Wood of Rochester, New York, and her project titled "Sample Soap," they are executing a yearlong donation of hygiene products to area families and individuals. The project is aimed toward helping Cedar Valley Friends and Family in Waverly.

Although this service is taking place all year, donations are especially important to families during the holiday season. Suite 121 has placed sixteen drop-off stations around campus including the PEC, Old Main, FAC, Student Union, Clinton Hall, The Residence, Becker Hall, The Complex, WBC, Luther Hall, the chapel and Grossmann Hall.

The Volunteer Action Center (VAC) is also encouraging Wartburg students to volunteer their time at the Waverly Parks and Recreation's annual Santa's Holiday Party. The public library holds Santa's Party for children from ages two to six years old. WPR is looking for students to help with crafts and story time during the program. The program will take place on Dec. 8 from 10 to 11 a.m. If interested in volunteering, contact Dee Heine at 352-6263.

Community builders project integrates all ages

By FELICITA NANUSES
Senior Writer

Wartburg College is an integral part of the Waverly community. In a quest to strengthen this relationship, Dr. Fred Waldstein, director of Wartburg's institute for leadership education, has initiated the "Community Builders: Fostering Intergenerational Civic Engagement" project.

This yearlong project, which started in September, involves Wartburg students enrolled in ID 315 both Fall and Winter semesters of this year, the Waverly-Shell Rock and Waterloo community schools, Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

According to Waldstein, the program has three objectives: building an intergenerational learning community, addressing specific educational needs and interests of all participants and recognizing the talents and skills of those involved.

"The rationale for identifying these three objectives is to help participants appreciate that healthy, positive communities depend on the recognition that all individuals have needs that communities can help satisfy," said Waldstein.

In this project, Wartburg students , and community members form a virtual learning community-neighborhood, consisting of six to 10 individuals who represent different parts of the project. They mostly use the Internet for communication, but neighborhoods also meet three times per semester during town meetings.

According to Waldstein, the project is designed to promote a sense of belonging through community involvement. The younger students provide real world teaching and mentoring opportunities to Wartburg students and an understanding of youth and their experiences to the elders.

"I was amazed by the discussion of kids in my neighborhood after Sept. 11. Monica from Longfellow wrote she was told that her grandfather fought in Pearl Harbor," said senior Mindi Kasiga, who is in the Leadership class.

The project uses what the individual members from different social and generational backgrounds have to offer to help strengthen the community. It adds value to the individual participants' lives by making them feel like they're part of a bigger whole.

The Community Builders Project fits well with Wartburg's dedication to leadership through service by "taking responsibility for our communities and making them better through public action."

As part of the project, Wartburg students visited participants' schools and intergrated with their students within their learning environments.

"We have faced some difficulties as the pioneers of the project. At times the ends of the projects seem almost impossible to be met considering the technological problems. But it has been a wonderful experience," added Kasiga.

In order to put the project into action, Wartburg received a $60,000 grant through the Council of Independent Colleges and its grantmaking unit, the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education.

Waldstein said that out of 113 colleges and universities that submitted grant proposals, Wartburg was one of the 13 that were chosen to receive funds to aid the community-based project.

Wartburg visited by Maasai leader

By BECCA ANDERSEN
Senior Writer

This week, Wartburg students had the opportunity visit with best-selling author and Maasai tribal leader Tepilit Ole Saitoti.

Wartburg and Tanzania have a strong connection based on the Lutheran church founded by the Germans in Tanzania during European colonialization. When the Germans left Africa, Tanzania then fell under British territorial rule, through the League of Nations.

"One big mark the Germans left is the Lutheran church," Saitoti said. "The Lutheran church is a very powerful church in Tanzania."

In fact, the connection between Saitoti, Wartburg College and the Lutheran church is quite strong. The bishop of the Lutheran church of the Northern Diocese is from the Maasai tribe, is a classmate of Saitoti, and his wife is a graduate of Wartburg College. While the bishop's wife was at Wartburg, she suggested the college contact Saitoti because Wartburg was taking students to Tanzania. Dr. Les Huth met Saitoti, and since 1993, Saitoti has contributed to the visits of Wartburg students when they travel to Tanzania.

When students traveled to Tanzania two years ago, President Jack Ohle joined them and attended the wedding of one of Saitoti's sons. It was during this trip that President Ohle invited Saitoti to speak during the Sesquicentennial celebration.

"Wartburg College and Tanzania are like sisters now," said Saitoti.

Saitoti's schedule kept him busy this week, but he had time to experience some of Wartburg's traditions.

"I am very impressed," Saitoti said. "When I attended Christmas with Wartburg, it knocked me flat, it was very professional."

Saitoti said he has not only felt welcomed from the administration and faculty, but by students on campus.

"There are a lot of my countrymen, girls and boys, studying here, and that has made a very human connection between Tanzania and Wartburg College," said Saitoti.

Saitoti wants to continue to strengthen the human understanding students gain when they visit Tanzania.

"I would really like humanity to meet," he said. "All this hatred can only disappear if people meet. The human interaction is very, very important."

Saitoti, a leader in the Maasai tribe in Tanzania, wrote two books, "Maasai" and "The Worlds of a Maasai Warrior." The Maasai still practice many of the same traditions that have been intact since before the time of Jesus. The Maasai people are a colorful tribe of warriors and have never been enslaved. According to Saitoti, the Maasai warriors are partially responsible for the slower spread of European colonialization in east Africa because they were so powerful and widely feared by the Europeans.

Saitoti believes that the Maasai have not kept up with urbanization or technological advances, and he would like them to become part of mainstream Tanzanian culture.

"I don't want them to be in isolation," Saitoti said. "I really want the culture to be preserved and protected, but not at the expense of the survival of the Maasai people. Change is inevitable—they must also change."

Saitoti attended Harvard University, obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emerson College in Boston and earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After studying in the United States, Saitoti felt a call of duty back to his home country, so he returned to serve his people in Tanzania, and has been there for the past 18 years. He lives in the village and serves as a local politician, administrator and leader. However, it took a while for the Maasai people to accept Saitoti when he first returned from the United States.

"When I went home there were high expectations," Saitoti said. "It took a while for them to accept me, and to see that their son has not changed."

Saitoti now wishes to spend six months in Tanzania and six months in the United States as part of a university because he feels that he can help to enrich the human experience in both countries.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

BATTLE OF THE UNSIGNED ARTISTS

The "Battle of the Unsigned Artists—Rematch" will be held Jan. 12, but students should sign up now. If you would like to participate, e-mail ETK@wartburg.edu or stop by the Jousting Post. Cash prizes will be awarded.

WINTER WEATHER

It is unlikely that Wartburg will cancel classes due to severe weather; however, if the need arises, the cancellation will be announced on radio stations KWAY and KUNI, television channels 2, 7, and 9, and through campus e-mail. Every attempt will be made to cancel classes between 6 and 6:30 a.m. on a weekday and before 5 p.m. on Sunday. If a student, staff member or faculty is concerned about his or her safety during travel, please rely on your own judgment.

DECEMBER GRADS

December Baccalaureate/Commencement will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Wartburg Chapel. Matthew Armstrong, lecturer in music and recipient of the 2000-2001 student award for teaching excellence, will be the commencement speaker. A reception will follow in the Fine Arts Center.

SOCIOLOGY MEETING

Students interested in Wartburg's community sociology program can attend a student information session Wednesday at 4 p.m. in CTC 200. Contact Dr. Kathy Kremer, assistant professor of community sociology at Ext. 8389 or kremer@wartburg.edu with questions.

FINALS STUDY BREAK

Fellowship of Christian is sponsoring a study break during finals week. The break will be Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Buhr Lounge.

Andy Pollock, Nikki Rudd, Jason Mortvedt

Monday's edition of WTV8 News:

TELEVISION

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Home dual win streak to 59

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THAT'S GOTTA HURT—Junior Joe Havig takes control of his match at 133 pounds Wednesday in Knights Gymnasium for the Loras Dual. Wartburg won their 59th consecutive conference dual 24-18.

By JOE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The Wartburg wrestlers' string of 58 consecutive conference dual victories appeared to be in jeopardy Wednesday. The Knights trailed Loras 14-15 with only three matches remaining, but came back to win their 59th consecutive conference dual victory 24-18.

After senior Kevin Powell and junior Duke Oursler were pinned at the 165 and 174 pound weight classes, junior Sonny Alvarez put the excitement back into the home crowd at Knights Gymnasium. Alvarez took down Loras' Paul Cleary and pinned him in 2:09.

At 197, sophomore Alain Djoumessi scored eight takedowns on Loras' Gabe Stauffer to win 16-6.

Senior Andy Fecht weighed in at 197, but moved up to heavyweight to wrestle Duhawk Pat Thomas. Fecht could not overcome the weight difference, losing 6-3.

Junior Brian Frost (125) lost to Loras' Enrique Gaitan 11-5.

Junior Joe Havig (133) earned six near-fall points as he decisioned Troy Musser of Loras 10-1.

Senior Tony Ganas (141) scored three team points as he defeated Loras' Mike Dukes 7-2.

At 149, junior Brandon Livingood and Duhawk Jeff Schermbach both scored three points in the regulation time. Livingood scored a takedown 31 seconds into overtime to get the 5-3 decision.

Junior Kevin Bratland (157) earned one point for riding time in addition to his 14 match points, which gave him a 15-7 major decision over Shane Hessenius of Loras.

The Wartburg grapplers will be in action at home Saturday in the 29th annual Dick Walker Invitational.

Soccer awards announced

SPORTS INFORMATION
Press Release

Wartburg College men's soccer freshman forward Verne Houston topped a list of six Knights named to the 2001 all-Iowa Conference honor teams. The teams were announced Wednesday. Wartburg's six honorees are the most combined in one year in school history.

Houston, a first team selection, is the first since 1998 for the Wartburg men. The freshman led the IIAC in four different offensive categories including goals (17) and points (36).

Senior forward Mark Bennett of West Des Moines and freshman midfielder Jeremy McEver of Olathe, Kan., earned honorable mention status.

Sophomore midfielder Mindy Viering of Blue Grass and freshman midfielder/defender Katie Rapp of Bettendorf were second team honorees for the women, the first for Wartburg since 1998. Rapp concluded the 2001 season ranked in the top four in the conference in assists and assists per game. Viering was one of three Knights to start in all 19 matches, scoring eight goals, three in league play, and adding an assist for 17 points.

Junior forward/midfielder Kat Breitbach of Strawberry Point, Wartburg's leader in goals and points, was tabbed honorable mention.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE THROUGH CHRISTMAS BREAK

Men's Basketball			
Dec. 7	Simpson	Indianola	8 p.m.
Dec. 8	Central	Pella	8 p.m.
Dec. 15	Iowa Wesleyan	Mt. Pleasant	TBA
Dec. 18-19	Desert Shootout	Hamilton	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 21-22	Elmhurst Tourn.	TBA	TBA
Jan. 4	Cornell	Waverly	8 p.m.
Women's Basketball			
Dec. 7	Simpson	Indianola	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	Central	Pella	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	DePauw	Waverly	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	Cornell	Waverly	6 p.m.
Jan. 5	Coe	Waverly	6 p.m.
Wrestling			
Dec. 8	Dick Walker Invite	Waverly	9 a.m.
Dec. 17	California Duals	Cal-Davis	TBA
Jan. 4	UW-Stevens Pt.	Stevens Pt., WI	7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

December 3, 2001

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DRIVING THE BASELINE—Junior Holly Mohs takes the ball to the basket Tuesday against Buena Vista. Mohs had 15 points and six rebounds in the win.

Lady cagers win fourth straight

By LANCE RIDPATH
Sports Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team left no doubt that it was ready to defend its conference title as its stormed into league play this week. Excellent shooting from behind the free throw line and solid defense have helped the Knights win four in a row.

Saturday, the Knights connected on 53 percent of their shots from the field and went 23 for 29 at the charity stripe in a 79-55 triumph over non-conference foe Mount Mercy. Trailing with 12 minutes left in the first half, Wartburg rallied and took the lead, sailing to a 44-29 advantage at the break.

Wartburg had four players reach double digits in the scoring column. Junior center Holly Mohs led the Knights with 15 points and a team-high six rebounds. Sophomore forwards Lindsey Smith and Jessica Mennen chipped in 14 and 13 points, respectively. Senior guard Brianne Schoonover added 11 points and two steals.

Wartburg out-rebounded the Mustangs 35-27 and held star player Meredith Austin to a season low nine points. Abbie Stepanek led Mount Mercy with 20 points.

A 26-8 run midway through the game led the Knights to a win against Buena Vista Tuesday. Clinging to a 21-20 lead late in the first half, junior guard Katie Fox stepped up and scored the last five points of the half to give Wartburg a 26-20 advantage at the break.

The second half was all Wartburg, pulling away by as many as 22 points. The Knights put up 40 points after intermission and connected on 15 of 16 attempts from behind the line in their 66-50 triumph over the Beavers.

Mohs had a double-double, collecting 18 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Lisa Rassmussen had 13 points and three assists, while senior guard Heather Johnson added 14 points.

"We were very pleased," said Schoonover. "We really came together and played like a team this week."

The win was the fourth in a row for the Knights. Last week, the Knights put together two victories over non-conference opponents. The women defeated Gustavus Adolphus 61-54 Nov. 20 and Augustana (Ill.) 86-68 Nov. 24

The Knights (5-1 overall, 1-0 IIAC) will soon hit the road for a pair of tough conference match-ups. Friday, they travel to Indianola to take on a Simpson Storm team ranked No. 17 in the nation. Saturday, the Knights will head to Pella to take on the Dutch of Central College.

"We have two tough games coming up," said Schoonover. "We're just going to take it one game at a time."

Both contests are slated to begin at 6 p.m.

WARTBURG (79)

Johnson 2-3 1-2 6, Mennen 5-9 3-4 13, Mohs 7-10 1-2 15, Rasmusson 1-5 0-0 3, Schoonover 4-10 2-2 11, Medhus 0-1 1-1 1, Roelfs 0-0 0-0 0, Oliver 2-2 0-0 4, Reynolds 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 1-2 3, Fox 3-4 7-7 14, Petersen 0-0 3-4 3, Foley 1-3 4-6 6. Totals 26-49 23-29 79.

MOUNT MERCY (55)

Austin 3-9 1-2 9, Stepanek 6-14 8-12 20, Schmit 4-9 2-2 10, Kalbrenner 0-6 0-0 0, Mescher 2-2 0-0 4, Fielder 0-1 0-0 0, Lucas 2-3 0-2 4, Blow 0-5 0-0 0, Capper 2-3 0-0 4, McDowell 1-2 0-0 2, Lane 1-1 0-0 2, Schueller 0-0 0-0 0, Rahe 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 21-58 11-18 55.

Halftime–Wartburg 44, Mount Mercy 29. Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Wartburg 35 (Mohs 6), Mount Mercy 27 (Stepanek 9). Assists–Wartburg 17 (Mennen 3), Mount Mercy 7 (Mescher, Blow 2). Total fouls–Wartburg 16, Mount Mercy 23.

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Men drop conference opener 74-65

By JOSHUA SMOTHERS
Sports Editor

A late second half surge was not enough for the Wartburg men's basketball team to win its conference opener Tuesday in Knights Gymnasium, falling 74-65 against Buena Vista.

The Knights (2-1 overall, 0-1 IIAC) trailed by 18 points with 13 minutes left in the second half, but tightened the gap to within four points with 30 seconds left.

Failed three-point attempts from the Knights and successful free throw shooting by the Beavers enabled Buena Vista to go on a 5-0 run to end the game with all of those points coming from the charity stripe.

Although the Knights were out-rebounded by a 34-28 margin, they hit on 11 of 32 three-point attempts, with seven Knights hitting at least one trey. The Beavers, on the other hand, only made one of seven.

However, the Beavers owned the battle at the foul line. They connected on 23 of 33 attempts, while Wartburg only got to the line nine times, only making four of those.

Buena Vista held a 31-23 advantage at intermission, scoring 10 of its 12 field goals inside the paint. The Knights shot a dismal 28 percent from the field in the first half, while the Beavers shot just over 46 percent.

"We didn't fully execute our game plan, especially in the first half," said junior forward Kyle Recker. "Coach wanted us to own the lane line, to force them outside more, but most of the shots they made that first half came inside."

Wartburg's post players carried the team statistically. Junior forward Mike Pipho led the Knights with 13 points. Fellow junior forward Jake Olsen put up 10 points, grabbed six rebounds, and had two steals. Senior forward Roger Kobliska tallied 11 points, while pulling down six rebounds.

Sophomore point guard Matt Armentrout dished out eight assists in the game.

"We had a pretty solid second half, but the first half is what killed us," explained Recker. "That's unfortunate because we definitely outplayed them later in the game."

Buena Vista was led by former conference MVP Adam Jones' 18 points, sinking all six free-throw attempts. Scott Weber also tallied 18 points, hitting eight of 10 from the charity stripe. Jeremy Holmes contributed 11 points and Chris Petersen pulled down nine rebounds in the winning effort.

The Beavers also ended the game shooting over 52 percent from the floor, which topped the Knights who shot just under 38 percent.

The Knights will be in action again Friday as they travel to Indianola to face Simpson, then head to Pella to battle with Central Saturday. Both games tip-off at 8 p.m.

WARTBURG (65)

Norton 3-6 0-0 8, Armentrout 2-7 0-2 5, Schuknecht 1-2 0-1 2, Pipho 5-10 2-2 13, Kobliska 5-12 0-1 11, Kincade 1-7 0-0 3, Olsen 3-6 2-3 10, Sanchez 3-9 0-0 9, Recker 2-3 0-0 4, Pedersen 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 25-66 4-9 65.

BUENA VISTA (74)

Jones 6-13 6-6 18, Holmes 4-7 2-2 11, Pelzer 1-2 1-2 3, Weber 5-10 8-10 18, Beyer 2-3 2-2 6, Petersen 3-7 0-2 6, Degen 0-0 0-0 0, Wiebers 1-3 3-4 5, Hildman 0-0 1-2 1, Kies 1-1 0-1 2, Swalley 2-2 0-2 4, Campbell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-48 23-33 74.

Halftime–Buena Vista 31, Wartburg 23. Fouled out–Armentrout. Rebounds–Wartburg 28 (Kobliska, Olsen 6), Buena Vista 34 (Petersen 9). Assists–Wartburg 19(Armentrout 8), Buena Vista 6 (Jones 3). Total fouls–Wartburg 26, Buena Vista 16.

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HIGH PASS—Sophomore Matt Armentrout jumps to throw a pass to a teammate Tuesday against Buena Vista. Armentrout had eight assists in the 74-65 loss.